

through fire, recessions, inflation, and the COVID pandemic. At the age of 77, Joe is still found at his restaurant cooking, serving, greeting customers, and even busing tables.

Joe Bologna is the picture of the American success story. I congratulate him on the 50th anniversary of his restaurant and thank him for his service to our country in the Air Force. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Joe Bologna and Joe Bologna's restaurant before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
JUDGE SHEILA TILLERSON
ADAMS AND CELEBRATING HER
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARYLAND
AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of the finest judges to ever serve Prince George's County and the state of Maryland: my friend, Sheila R. Tillerson Adams—Chief and Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County and the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland. We in Maryland have long benefitted from her keen legal mind, her character, and her commitment to service. After a long and distinguished career, she retired from the Bench at the end of last year.

Sheila has been a trailblazer ever since she started practicing law decades ago. In 1984, she became only the second Black woman to serve as a State's Attorney in Prince George's County. She quickly demonstrated her aptitude not only as an attorney but also as a leader through her work for her office's sexual assault and child abuse unit. Her important work to uphold justice for vulnerable Marylanders continued when she became Deputy County Attorney four years later. Recognizing Sheila's legal prowess and her deep knowledge of the county, Governor William Donald Schaefer appointed her to the District Court of Maryland in Prince George's County in 1993—making her the first Black woman in history to serve as a judge on that court. Governor Parris Glendening elevated her to serve on the bench of the Prince George's County Circuit three years later. After Sheila's fourteen successful years as an associate judge, Maryland Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Bell selected her to become Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County and the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland in 2010.

Sheila's legacy, however, will not be defined by the titles she held or the number of years she served but by all that she accomplished for her fellow Prince Georgians. From presiding over high-profile cases to ushering in key systematic changes that improved our courts, Sheila's commitment to justice never wavered. One of her greatest contributions was her successful effort to expand Maryland's Problem-Solving Courts. These specialized programs continue to support groups of vulnerable Marylanders—such as truants, veterans, people struggling with addiction, at-risk youth, and formerly-incarcerated individuals—who face unique challenges in their communities and in the justice system. Similarly,

Sheila played a key role in launching the Prince George's County Family Justice Center (PGCFJC), which acts as a 'one-stop' hub where survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, elder abuse, and sexual assault can receive counseling, legal assistance, safety-planning support, and a variety of other services. As a cosponsor of both the original Violence Against Women Act and its reauthorization, I have been proud to work with Sheila to support these survivors, and I fondly recall touring the PGCFJC with her shortly after it opened in 2016. Sheila also helped lead Prince George's County through the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, serving as a key member of the Prince George's Forward Task Force.

When explaining the mission statement of her court, Sheila once said: 'the Circuit Court welcomes all—a forum for justice.' Although she has retired from that court, I am sure this ethos will continue to define its work. And I know that Sheila will continue to live by the same principles of justice, service, and integrity that she has displayed her whole life. She will remain an influential community leader, a respected legal expert, and an essential advocate for Maryland's families. She ought to know how much I appreciate everything that she has done for her county, state, and country, and I look forward to seeing all that she will do to build on that progress as she starts this exciting new chapter. I ask that all my colleagues join me in thanking her for her service and in congratulating her on this milestone.

HONORING MRS. SVIATLANA
TSIKHANOUSKAYA DURING HER
UPCOMING VISIT TO WASH-
INGTON, D.C., ON MARCH 22-28,
2023, AND RECOGNIZING HER AS
A LEADER IN BELARUS'S STRUG-
GLE FOR DEMOCRACY AND
FREEDOM

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, since the 2020 Presidential Elections, Mrs. Tsikhanouskaya has been an inspirational voice and global symbol of the ongoing peaceful struggle for democracy and freedom in the world.

Mrs. Tsikhanouskaya selflessly stepped in to replace her husband, Mr. Siarhei Tsikhanouski, following his illegal arrest during his campaign for the Belarusian presidency.

While initially disregarded by Belarusian Dictator, Alexander Lukashenko, she went on to win the elections, and has since been forced into exile where she continues her peaceful campaign for the restoration of democracy in her country.

She continues to do so under the threat of arrest in Belarus, recently receiving a 15-year prison sentence in absentia from Belarus's autocratic regime.

Following Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, Mrs. Tsikhanouskaya has met with leaders around the world to underline that Belarus's people do not support this conflict and stand in solidarity with their Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Tsikhanouskaya's character is the epitome of 'Asking not what her country can do

for her, but what she can do for her country. She is not just an inspirational leader in the fight for democracy, but a symbol of global female leadership.

Among dozens of distinctions, she received the Sakharov Prize awarded by the European Parliament, the 2022 International Four Freedoms Award, and the Charlemagne Prize.

In 2021 and 2022, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda and Members of the Norwegian Parliament respectively.

I welcome her to the United States of America and praise her strength of character and determined campaign to provide her citizens in Belarus the opportunity for a brighter, freer, and democratic future.

HONORING ANITA WILLIAMS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anita Williams, an incredible activist, a founding member of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club, a former member of my team, and a dear friend of mine. I would like to extend my condolences to Anita's family, her sisters Sandra Herbert and Paula Carter, and her beloved friends and Church community. They are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Ms. Williams was born on December 5, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee but relocated to California during her childhood. Anita attended Pacific Union College and went on to earn her nursing degree from Contra Costa Community College. Her passion for service eventually led her to politics and organizing, as Ms. Williams set out to uplift the underrepresented voices in Oakland, particularly the voices of African American women.

Ms. Williams was a charter member of the non-profit, Black Women Organized for Political Action, which seeks to increase political engagement and participation amongst African American women through advocacy and education. Their organization successfully helped elect the late Congressman Dellums and raised over \$75,000 for his campaign.

Ms. Williams was also a founding member of the New Niagara Movement Democratic Club, an organization that is near to my heart. The Niagara Movement Democratic Club has been integral in increasing African American representation in Oakland and organizing the community. Ms. Williams impressively served as their second president and led the charge in fundraising efforts.

Anita's commitment to advancing racial justice and equity throughout her life will ensure that her legacy lives on. The outcome of her years of hard work and advocacy is ever-present throughout our community, as the city of Oakland has been a leader in the national fight for racial justice. In remembrance of all the good that Ms. Williams extended to the world, let us continue in her footsteps.

Anita was a kind, dedicated, and selfless woman whose life was spent serving her community and those around her. She was a political force in the Bay Area and an unbelievable field and casework staffer and was committed to progressive causes that improved the lives of the most vulnerable.